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# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Tuesday, June 29, 2010, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at 9:00 a.m. in room 9-040, 100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois. The following Board members were present: Chairman Joseph Sinopoli, Commissioners Angelo Ciambrone, William Farley, Jr. (telephonic), Jon Metcalf, Allan Monat, Michael Murphy, Paul Smith and Robert Winchester (telephonic). Staff members Marc Laino, Shelley Kalita, Bob Lang and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

Chairman Sinopoli announced the resignation of Board member Joseph Casciato.

### ORGANIZATION LICENSEE REQUESTS

Chairman Sinopoli moved to approve a request submitted by Arlington Park Racecourse for approval to amend its 2010 stakes schedule. Commissioner Monat seconded the motion. Arlington Park proposed cancelling the \$100,000 Sea O'Erin stake, reducing by \$50,000, eight Grade III stakes, and reducing by \$100,000 the Grade II American Derby and the Grade III Pucker Up Stake. A total of \$700,000 in purse reductions. In addition, Arlington Park proposes to reserve the right to cancel the Arlington-Washington Futurity and the Arlington-Washington Lassie in consultation with the ITHA. The Board approved the motion by a 6-2 vote. Commissioners Ciambrone and Metcalf voted against the motion. Roy Arnold appeared on behalf of Arlington Park. Michael Campbell and Chris Block appeared on behalf of the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association.

### **BOARD ITEMS**

A request submitted by Youbet.com for approval of a change in ownership and new officers and directors was deferred until the July Board meeting

Representatives from AmTote answered questions regarding tote outages on May 1<sup>st</sup> and June 16<sup>th</sup>. The outage on Kentucky Derby Day was caused by a key software component at their Oregon Hub becoming locked due to an excessively high number of transactions from a non-Illinois advance deposit wagering company. A single account wagered over 4 transactions per second for almost 5 hours. The second outage at the Oregon Hub was a hardware problem with a new Dell server that was acting as the primary server. Steve Keech, President and Matthew Cackowski, Director of Technology Compliance, appeared on behalf of AmTote.

#### **HEARINGS**

In the matter of Diego Sanchez (2010T03), Commissioner Monat moved to uphold the stewards' ruling suspending jockey Diego Sanchez for 15 days. In the 6<sup>th</sup> race on April 18, 2010 at Hawthorne Race Course, the horse "Forest Queen," ridden by Sanchez, was disqualified from 1<sup>st</sup> place to 6<sup>th</sup> place for interference to the #3 horse. Chairman Sinopoli seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

In the matter of Paul Stafford (2009H09), Commissioner Farley moved to uphold the stewards' ruling fining trainer Paul Stafford \$2,000 and redistributing the purse. In the 14<sup>th</sup> race on September 12, 2009 at Balmoral

Park, "Fox Valley Escort" tested positive for the anabolic steroid Boldenone. Commissioner Ciambrone seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

In the matter of Nick Giberson (2009H08), Commissioner Farley moved to uphold the stewards' ruling fining trainer Nick Giberson \$2,500 and redistributing the purse. In the 9<sup>th</sup> race on September 12, 2009 at Balmoral Park, "My Heart Was True" tested positive for the anabolic steroid Boldenone. Commissioner Ciambrone seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Monat moved to approve the minutes of its regular meeting on April 27, 2010. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:30 a.m., Commissioner Metcalf motioned for adjournment and Commissioner Monat seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Laino

**Executive Director**